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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Applicants submit the following patents, articles and other information:

U.S. Patent No. 3,267,084, Rankin et al., issued August 16, 1966, for "Polymerizable 5-Alkylene-m-Dioxanyl Acrylic Esters"

U.S. Patent No. 3,470,124, Eygen et al., issued September 30, 1969, for "New Fluorinated Compounds and Their Preparation"

U.S. Patent No. 4,138,383, Rembaum et al., issued February 6, 1979, for "Preparation of Small Bio-Compatible Microspheres"

U.S. Patent No. 5,290,892, Namdaran et al., issued March 1, 1994, for "Flexible Intraocular Lenses Made from High Refractive Index Polymers"

U.S. Patent No. 5,331,073, Weinschenk, III et al., issued July 19, 1994, for "Polymeric Compositions and Intraocular Lenses Made from Same"

U.S. Patent No. 5,470,932, Jinkerson, issued November 28, 1995, for "Polymerizable Yellow Dyes and Their Use in Ophthalmic Lenses"

U.S. Patent No. 5,693,095, Freeman et al., issued December 2, 1997, for "High Refractive Index Ophthalmic Lens Materials"

U.S. Patent No. 5,708,094, Lai et al., issued January 13, 1998, for "Polybutadiene-Based Compositions for Contact Lenses"

U.S. Patent No. 6,528,602, Freeman et al., issued March 4, 2003, for "Foldable Ophthalmic and Otorhinolaryngological Device Materials"

WO 98/27447, Lai et al., published June 25, 1998, for "Polybutadiene-Based Compositions for Contact Lenses"

WO 01/18079, Schlueter et al., published March 15, 2001, for "Ophthalmic and Otorhinolaryngological Device Materials"

Boonstra, "Role of Particulate Fillers in Elastomer Reinforcement: A Review," *Polymer*, Vol. 20, pp. 691-704 (1979)

Gu et al., "Preparation of High Strength and Optically Transparent Silicone Rubber," *European Polymer Journal*, Vol. 34, pp. 1727-1733 (1998)

Kamiyama et al., "Micro-Sized Polymeric Microsphere by Suspension Polymerization," *J. of Applied Polymer Science*, Vol. 50, pp. 107-113 (1993)

For the convenience of the Examiner, the patents and articles are also listed on PTO Form 1449.

Applicants request that the listed references be considered during prosecution of this application, and that the references appear among the "References Cited" on any patent issuing herefrom.

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